

**HIGH COURT OF CHHATTISGARH AT BILASPUR****WPIL No. 82 of 2024****Phulsingh Kachlam *versus* State of Chhattisgarh & Others****Order Sheet**

06/05/2026	Heard Ms. Rajni Soren, learned counsel for the petitioner. Also heard Mr. Praveen Das, learned Additional Advocate General, appearing for the State/respondents. Learned State counsel submits that this Court, vide order dated 16.03.2026, had directed the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, Circle-Kanker, District North-Bastar, Kanker (C.G.) to file his personal affidavit. In compliance thereof, Superintending Engineer has filed his personal affidavit on 27.04.2026. The relevant portion of the aforesaid affidavit
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reads as under:

“4. That, in compliance of the order dated 16/03/2026 passed by the Hon'ble Court, the deponent most humbly and respectfully submits that, the road from Narayanpur Orchha having the total length of 63.4 KM has to be constructed by the Department of Public Works. It is respectfully submitted that taking the note of the total length of the aforesaid road and to complete the aforesaid road as soon as possible. the said road is divided in three parts for the purpose of construction and its strengthening which is as under:-

1. First Part of the road from 1 KM to 12 KM (Palli Chhotedongar-Orchha).

2. Second part of the road from 13 KM to 31 KM (Palli Chhotedongar Orchha) (total length 19 KM)

3. Third part of the road from 1 KM to 32.60 KM (Narayanpur to Palli Dhaudia) (total length 32.60 KM).

5. That, with regard to the progress of the First Part of the road from 1 KM to 12 KM (Palli Chhotedongar -Orchha), the deponent

respectfully submits that earlier it was submitted that the work of sub-grade is completed, the Granular Sub Base (GSB) work is in progress, ready mixed concrete plant is installed at the site. It is respectfully submitted that as of now, the concrete road at the length of 700 Meters is completed and the contractor is carrying out further work. To demonstrate this fact, copies of the latest photographs are filed herewith as **Annexure A/1**.

6. That, with regard to the Second part of the road from 13 KM to 31 KM (Palli Chhotedongar Orchha) (total length 19 KM), the deponent respectfully submitted that for construction purposes, the said road has been divided in two parts i.e. first part is from KM 13 to KM 22 (total length 10 KM) and second part is from KM 23 to KM 31 (total length 9 KM). It is respectfully submitted that for construction of both parts of the road, one Surface Engineering Private Limited "A" Class Contractor, Kanker has been declared L-1 and accordingly the work order has duly been issued in favour of the said contractor on 23/02/2026. It is submitted that pursuant to the aforesaid work order, the said contractor has commenced the work. It is respectfully submitted that at present, the said contractor is carrying out the widening of road and construction of

culvert over both the aforesaid roads and the same is in progress. It is further submitted that for making the ready mixed concrete, the establishment of mixture plant is in progress and the same will be made operational within 15 days. To demonstrate this fact, copies of the latest photographs are being filed herewith as **Annexure-A/2.**

7. That, with regard to the third part of the road from 1 KM to 32.60 KM (Narayanpur to Palli Dhaudia) (total length 32.60 KM), the deponent respectfully submits that for the purpose of construction of the said road, the total length of the said road has been divided in two parts i.e. the length of first part is from KM 176.40 to KM 193.00 (total length 16.60 KM) (Gadhbengal to Dhaudi Chhotedongar Road Part 1) and the length of second part is from KM 194.00 to KM 209.00 (total length 16.00 KM) (Gadhbengal to Dhaudi Chhotedongar Road Part 2).

8. It is respectfully submitted that for construction of first part of the road starting from KM 176.40 to KM 193.00 (total length 16.60 KM) (Gadhbengal to Dhaudi Chhotedongar Road Part 1), a fresh NIT (2 Call) bearing System Tender No.186847 NIT No. 1051/TC/2025-26 for the said road has been floated on 09/03/2026. It

is submitted that total 3 bidders have shown their interest in response to the said NIT (2nd call). The technical as well as financial bids of the aforesaid 3 bidders have been opened and after scrutiny of the documents submitted by the bidders, one Mittal Construction Company Dhamtari and M/s B.B. Verma, Korba have been found to be L-1 and L-2 bidders respectively. It is respectfully submitted that vide letter dated 23/04/2026, the Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, Chhattisgarh has requested for grant of approval on the offer / rate submitted by the aforesaid bidders so that the work order could be issued in favour of the lowest bidder. To demonstrate this fact, copy of the letter dated 23/04/2026 along with brief note is being filed herewith as **Annexure A/3**.

9. That, the deponent respectfully submits that for construction of second part of the road starting from KM 194.00 to KM 209.00 (total length 16.00 KM) (Gadhbengal to Dhaudi Chhotedongar Road Part 2), a fresh tender / NIT (2nd call) bearing System tenderno. 186853 NIT No. 1052/TC/2025-26 has been floated on 09/03/2026. It is submitted that total 3 bidders have shown their interest in response to the said NIT (2nd call). The technical as well as financial bids of the aforesaid 3 bidders have been

opened and after scrutiny of the documents submitted by the bidders, one Mittal Construction Company Dhamtari and M/s B.B. Verma, Korba have been found to be L-1 and L-2 bidders respectively. It is respectfully submitted that vide letter dated 23/04/2026, the Engineer-in-Chief, Public Works Department, Chhattisgarh has requested for grant of approval on the offer / rate submitted by the aforesaid bidders so that the work order could be issued in favour of the lowest bidder. To demonstrate this fact, copy of the letter dated 23/04/2026 along with brief note is being filed herewith as **Annexure A/4.**"

From a perusal of the aforesaid affidavit, it emerges that the road from Narayanpur to Orchha, having a total length of 63.40 km, has been divided into three parts for the purpose of expeditious construction. It is evident that in respect of the first part (KM 1 to KM 12), substantial progress has been made and concrete road work to an extent of about 700 meters has already been completed, while further work is in progress.

In respect of the second part (KM 13 to KM 31),

it appears that the work order has already been issued in favour of the L-1 contractor and execution of work, including widening of the road and construction of culverts, is underway. The affidavit further indicates that installation of the concrete mixing plant is in progress and is expected to become operational shortly.

So far as the third part of the project is concerned, it is evident that the tendering process has reached an advanced stage, inasmuch as bids have already been received and evaluated, and approval has been sought from the competent authority for acceptance of the rates of the L-1 bidder so that work orders may be issued at the earliest.

Thus, it appears that necessary administrative and procedural steps have been taken by the Public Works Department for execution of the project in a phased manner. However, considering the importance of the road in question and the need for its timely completion, further close monitoring is required.

Accordingly, the Superintending Engineer, Public Works Department, Circle–Kanker, District North Bastar, Kanker (C.G.), is directed to file a further personal affidavit before the next date of hearing, indicating the latest status and progress of work in all three parts of the project, including the timeline for completion.

List the matter in the **second week of July, 2026.**

**Sd/-
(Ravindra Kumar Agrawal)
Judge**

**Sd/-
(Ramesh Sinha)
Chief Justice**